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(Laughter.)

SENATOR HIGGINS: Was that as I threw you out, it fell out?

SPEAKER NICHOL: We have the point. Okay. Do you have anything else, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Pirsch. (See Pirsch amendment found on page 2558 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, Senator Pirsch, please.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. It's good to hear...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Just a moment. (Gavel.) Okay, thank you.

SENATOR PIRSCH: It's good to hear some cheery sounds instead of what we've gone through today. But I have given you a raft of things on your desk. I will refer to them, so I hope that you will go through them with me. But you know since I've been here I've heard that story about Terry Carpenter who was in the Legislature for quite a long time, and came up to Senator Schmit, after a vote, and said, I'd rather be correct than consistent. Well, this amendment will give you, colleagues, an opportunity to be both correct and consistent. I understand why many of you would not add the victim witness program back to the appropriation bill. It would increase the appropriation. And I'm just sorry that I was not able to articulate the need enough to overcome that hesitation. But today I will offer you a solution, a shift, and a proper one, which is not damaging, and I hope that I can tell you of the importance and the type of funding that is available from the federal government. First of all, every minute 13 homes are burglarized, 9 people are assaulted, 2.5 people are seriously injured by crime. Every day 1,370 children are physically abused, 468 women are raped,...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Pirsch. I'm sorry. (Gavel.) Center aisle, let's hold it down, please. Thank you.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...55 people are murdered, every year